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Our Case No.: 1391/1561

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ROBERT J. YATKA et al.

Serial No.: 10/712,114

Filing Date: November 13, 2003

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING RELEASE OF
N-SUBSTITUTED DERIVATIVES OF
ASPARTAME IN CHEWING GUM AND GUM
PRODUCED THEREBY

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

Group Art Unit No.: 1761

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Mail Stop Appeal Brief – Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants request an oral hearing in the above-captioned case. A fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) in the amount of \$1000.00 is enclosed herewith. Should the enclosed credit card form amount be insufficient for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from the Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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